

**Next Gateway Meeting 6 p.m. Tuesday, January 25, 2011**

Crown Center, 8350 Delcrest, St. Louis, MO 63124.

\*Gateway meets the Fourth Tuesday of odd-numbered months.

March 22, May 24, July 26, Sept. 27, Nov. 22

For info or to have items on agenda, call Loretta Washington

(314) 867-0489 or Jeanne Crews 314 667-4650

(Some of us eat at 4:30 or so, at Flaco's Cocina near the Crown Center -- in future we can have separate checks, just ask before ordering ;-)

**Story Swap** 7-8:30 p.m. Sign up -- Rosie Lee Willis 314-535-6485 [willis2650@sbcglobal.net](mailto:willis2650@sbcglobal.net)

**Reminder** -- please **call Rosie in advance** to be sure of a chance to tell.

Stories should be **ten minutes or less**, except for the **one twenty-minute story per meeting, which must be arranged in advance with Rosie.**

**Business Meeting -- the last business meeting for current officers, and this is Mary Garrett's last newsletter as editor.**

**Gateway Officers for next year**

Loretta Washington, President    Jeanne Crews, Vice-President

Chris Sutton, Treasurer

Sharon Thompson Secretary.

**Sad news** -- Randy Gratop, Karen and Mike's son passed Saturday afternoon.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Siteman Cancer Center or to BJC Hospice

or MO-TELL or the Festival

**Gateway Dues will be \$20, due in January.** Bring to meeting or mail to treasurer, Chris Sutton.

**Trivia Night March 26.** Lucy is organizing it and is seeking volunteers for committees, food, publicity, etc. Place is being arranged. More details later.

**Story Boxes** Sue Hinkel is working on a Story Boxes project, seeking a grant to bring storytellers into the schools to put together story boxes to travel from school to school. Liz proposed that “Gateway help with this project in any way that we can,” which was unanimously approved.

**Festival News** Jackie Wright reported that Becky Walstrom will be retiring from other University duties but continuing as director of the Festival, metaphorically wearing only one hat instead of so many . . .

### **Storyteller Grants**

Applications have been received for two more grants, leaving six of the ten grants available

@ \$50 each for ten members to take storytelling to places that might not otherwise afford a teller. Joy Nack reported that the Principia newsletter credited Gateway for the grant for her to tell at the preschool.

### **Recent Events**

**Kansas City Storytelling Celebration** MCC-MAPLE WOODS, with Bobby Norfolk, Olga Loya, Thom and Sarah Howard, and Elizabeth Ellis was successful and fun!!

<http://mckkc.edu/storytelling/>

### **Tellabration -- World-wide Storytelling!**

**Friday, Nov. 19 Riverwind Tellabration in Caseyville, IL** in a lovely round church. Lucy told about pigtail-pulling at the Wayside School, David Grondahl and his chicken wondered what Fox likes to eat, Marion Nichols shared snowflake cutting with her story, Sheila Grace shared an inspiring story, Marilyn Kinsella told the real story of “Tom Dula,” and I told Sheherazade, at Lynne’s request (but she had to miss the gathering ;-( There was more, including a really funny poem by Sheila’s husband and guitar interludes, but I have no notes. . .

**Saturday, Nov. 20 Historical Stories and auction by MO-TELL at Principia.** Roger Rose, Marilyn Kinsella, Sharon Thompson/ Jeanne Crews (Tandem Tellers), David Riordan, Wendy Gordon.

About 30 people at each event, wonderful stories, friendships and food.

### **Coming Storytelling Events**

**Riverwind Meeting** 6:00 p.m., 2nd Wed. each month. December meeting at Lynne’s -- usually at Ponderosa, 5 Eastport Plaza, Collinsville, IL

Contact -- Lynne Beetner 618-655-5296

**January 14-16, 2011 Chicken Festival Truman Hotel Econolodge, 1-660-826-8400**

3501 West Broadway (Hiway 50) Sedalia, MO. Next to Walmart.  
Cost: Rooms, \$49.95 +tax on bed or two Festival, \$45 includes two meals  
Another great weekend of nothing but storytelling and FUN! We will have plenty of room to meet and tell, with flexibility to expand to offer multiple venues. Everyone who attends is the Featured Teller at the Chicken Festival! This year stories will be limited in time so that everyone will have an opportunity to tell! Plan on bringing your musical instruments because THERE WILL BE JAMMING!~ For more information contact Steve Otto at [i-tell@juno.com](mailto:i-tell@juno.com)

**Riverwind Whirl Wind Weekend - March 2011** Regi Carpenter has been selected to present a workshop. For more information about Regi, see [www.soaringstories.com](http://www.soaringstories.com)

**Story Swap** a wonderful set of stories to cap off the evening -- **M.C. Rosie Willis!!**

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**Mary Garrett** shared "Real and Make Believe" the story of my father's gift of story to me.

**Sharon Thompson** told her own true story of "57 People for Thanksgiving" -- funny and "good times."

**David Grondahl** told the short story of Cinder Rela (? copying from the form?) He also did homework -- what a great multi-tasker!

**Lucy Locket Grondahl** told "Lesligh & Paul" the pigtail story from Sideways Stories from Wayside School (a great book, thanks, Lucy!)

**Jane Hardy** reminded us to "Pay Attention and Smell the (Burning) Tupperware"

**Linda Bennet** told the amazing but true family story of "Miracle of the Seagulls"

**Michael Bennet** shared a true adventure story "Roller Coaster"

**Rosie Willis** told about newlyweds' problems with "four-letter words."

**Liz Lippa** told "The Devil's One Wish" from The Devil's Storybook (first time telling, but didn't seem like it ;-)

**Joy Nack** told “Jack and the Conjuring Woman” from Ozark Tall Tales sweeping up the sparks and ashes.

(I know Rosie said we had **12 tellers!!** but these are all the notes I can find. If I left you out, let me know and I’ll send an update. I know I also mixed up the order; apologies for that).

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New youtube slide show with the first recording of Frog Prince's story, and some lovely family photos (and Lucy's finger puppets!)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XMQQxL4Pdo>